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H1N1 Vaccine Encouraged for All Mainers

Based on recent demand and a large recent increase in H1N1 vaccine supply, Maine CDC is now recommending that H1N1 vaccine be offered to anyone who wishes to receive it.

“With a large shipment of vaccine arriving Monday, we now have more than 500,000 doses in Maine, and we want to make sure all who want the vaccine are able to access it,” said Dr. Dora Anne Mills, Director of the Maine CDC in the Department of Health and Human Services.

Maine CDC especially recommends those in high priority groups seek vaccine, including pregnant women, people ages 6 months through 24 years of age; people with underlying medical conditions who are 25 through 64 years of age; caregivers of young infants under 6 months; and all health care workers. Nasal spray vaccine is found in relatively larger amounts, and is especially recommended for those who are 2 through 49 years of age, healthy and not pregnant.

“Although the H1N1 disease surge is declining, we fully expect the virus to be circulating for months and even years to come. With increasing amounts of vaccine in Maine, now is the time for all of us to get vaccinated, and there are a number of vaccine clinics and opportunities increasingly available across Maine,” said Dr. Mills.

The Maine CDC suggests people find vaccine through three possible avenues: call your health care provider; call 211; or check <http://www.maine flu.gov> for a list of public clinics.